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To: Pharmacists
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Subject: Prescriber's Identifier - Prescription Drug Program

This memorandum is to inform pharmacy providers that the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is requesting prescribing providers who have a 9-digit Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) prescriber number to put their DEA number on all prescriptions for Medical Assistance clients, **effective immediately**, instead of their 7-digit DSHS provider number.

When billing, pharmacists must include the prescribing provider's DEA number, if available, in the *Prescriber ID* field.

Prescribing providers who do not have a DEA number must continue to put their 7-digit DSHS provider number on prescriptions for Medical Assistance clients.



Note: This request for a prescriber identifier does not apply to over-the-counter (OTC) contraceptives /supplies that may be dispensed without a prescription to MAA clients. Pharmacists must continue to bill MAA fee-for-service using the instructions in MAA's [Prescription Drug Program Billing Instructions](#).

To view Numbered Memorandum 02-11 MAA that was sent to prescribing providers, go to: <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> [Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link; Numbered Memoranda link, Open 2002 Numbered Memos]



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